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Title: Hydrogen Reservoir Based on Silicon Nano-Structures

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

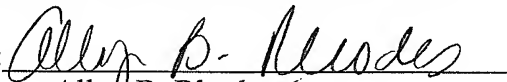
In complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 7, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect **Group I, claims 16-19** for prosecution in the present application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement, submitting that all of the claims of the application share a special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art, namely, a hydrogen reservoir comprising a substance suitable for storing hydrogen wherein said substance comprises nano-structured silicon. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) based on the non-elected claims.

Although it is believed that no fee is necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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